Losses due to change in dealership policy

†1729. SHRI MUNAVVAR HASAN: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that various oil companies had directly appointed some dealers of diesel/petrol/kerosene oil during 2002-2003 and till now;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that due to sudden restriction on such appointments huge amount of various oil companies and dealers has got blocked; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the action being taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRIMATI SUMITRA MAHAJAN): (a) to (d) After the dismantling of the Administered Pricing Mechanism in the petroleum sector with effect from 1.4.2002 and consequent dissolution of the Dealer Selection Boards thereafter, some public sector oil companies have taken action for selection of dealers for retail outlet dealerships (petrol pumps) as per the respective policies drafted by them. Further action will be taken by the companies after finalisation of the policy/guidelines in this regard.

Revision in prices of petroleum products

1730. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of times, prices of petroleum products were revised during the last six months;

(b) the price of each product during each revision; and

(c) the reasons for revising the prices?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRIMATI SUMITRA MAHAJAN): (a) to (c) With the dismantling of Administered Pricing Mechanism (APM) in the

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petroleum sector effective 1st April 2002, the pricing of all petroleum products, except for PDS Kerosene and domestic LPG which continue to be subsidized products, has been decontrolled and the oil marketing companies (OMCs) are fixing the prices after taking into account international oil prices. Even the changes in the consumer prices of PDS Kerosene and domestic LPG, after providing for the flat rate of subsidy, are to be made by OMCs.

The details of revision in prices of petrol and diesel at Delhi since 1.1.2003 are given in the enclosed Statement (*See* below). There has been no revision in the selling price of PDS Kerosene and domestic LPG during the last six months.

Statement

Revisions in Retail Selling Price at Delhi post 1.1.2003.

(*Rs./litre*)

	MS	HSD
3.01.2003	29.93	19.07
16.01.2003	30.33	19.47
1.02.2003	30.71	19.84
1.03.2003	32.10	21.21
16.03.2003	33.49	22.12
16.04.2003	32.49	20.12
27.04.2003	31.49	20.12
1.05.2003	31.40	19.18
1.06.2003	30.30	19.08

Fake gas cylinders

1731. SHRI RAJU PARMAR: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that fake LPG cylinders are being manufactured in several parts of the country;

(b) if so, the number of such cases which have been reported during the last one year so far; and

(c) the number of persons who have been booked under the Explosive Substances Act?